THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Generally such a practice is followed.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to shift the headquarters from Ambala to Chandigarh as and when the office building and residential quarters for staff are ready for which necessary action has already been initiated.

Encouraging Private Sector Companies to Produce Cellur Phones, Video-Phones and Car Phones

715. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy to encourage private sector companies to produce items like cellular phones, video-phones and car phones ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the response of private companies to the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the new Industrial Policy, the manufacture of these items has been exempted from the provision of Industrial licensing. These items have also been included in the list of priority items for automatic foreign collaboration approvals.

(c) A number of companies have shown their interest in the production of various telecom equipment including Cellular phones & car phones.

Objection of Defence Ministry for car telephone network

716. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that car radial telephone network has been delayed due to objections raised by the Defence Ministry as it would interfere with the network of Defence Telecommunications frequency ; and

(b) if so, what steps the Department is taking to see that analogy is dispersed with in commissioning cellular telephone network in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Frequency spectrum required for cellular mobile telephone system (Car Radio System) will be cordinated with Ministry of Defence as per laid down procedure. No deay is envisaged on this account for provision of this service.

देश में डाक संचार सेवा का नेटवर्क

717. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार के पास देश में डाक संचार सेवा के नेटवर्क के विस्तार की कोई योजना है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) से (ग) जी, हां। आठवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान देश में डाक नेटवर्क के विस्तार करने का सरकार का प्रस्ताव है। डाक नेटवर्क का विस्तार निर्धारित आय, दूरी और जनसंख्या के मानदंडों के अनुसार, नए डाकघर खोलने और आठवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान नई प्रौद्योगिकी का प्रयोग करके मौजूदा डाक सुविधाओं का स्तर बढ़ाने के रूप में किया जाएगा। तथापि इनका विवरण देना संभव नहीं है क्योंकि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना को अभी अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है ।